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Adoption of the report of the Forum on its second session

Draft report

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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 2000/35, the Economic and Social Council decided to establish the United Nations Forum on Forests as a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council. The Forum held its second session at United Nations Headquarters from 4 to 15 March 2002.

II. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Matters calling for action by the Council

[To be completed]

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

[To be completed]

III. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Forum held its second session at United Nations Headquarters from 4 to 15 March 2002. The Forum held __ meetings (1st to __). Working Groups I and II held several meetings during the session.

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3. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, who also made a statement.

4. The President of the Economic and Social Council, Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), made a statement.

5. The coordinator and head of the Secretariat of the Forum made a statement.

6. The Chairman of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests also made a statement.

B. Attendance

7. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Council resolution 2000/35, the Forum is composed of all States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies, with full and equal participation. Representatives of the following States attended the session:

[To be completed]

8. The following United Nations offices and organs were represented:

[To be completed]

9. The following specialized agencies were represented:

[To be completed]

10. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented:

[To be completed]

11. The following non-governmental organizations were represented:

[To be completed]

C. Election of officers

12. The officers of the Forum for its second session, as elected at its 1st and 2nd meetings, held on 22 June 2001 and 4 March 2002, were as follows:

Chairman:
Knut Øistad (Norway)

Vice-Chairmen:
Ositadinma Anaedu (Nigeria)
Alexey Kornienko (Russian Federation)
Hossein Moeini Meybodi (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur:
Ana Patricia Chaves (Costa Rica)

D. Adoption of the agenda

13. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 March, the Forum adopted its provisional agenda for the session as contained in document E/CN.18/2002/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Implementation of the proposals for action of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests and the plan of action of the United Nations Forum on Forests:
   (a) Means of implementation: finance, transfer of environmentally sound technologies and capacity-building for sustainable forest management;
   (b) Progress in implementation:
      (i) Combating deforestation and forest degradation;
      (ii) Forest conservation and protection of unique types of forests and fragile ecosystems;
      (iii) Rehabilitation and conservation strategies for countries with low forest cover;
      (iv) Rehabilitation and restoration of degraded lands and the promotion of natural and planted forests;
      (v) Concepts, terminology and definitions.
4. Common items for each session:
   (a) Multi-stakeholder dialogue;
   (b) Enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination;
   (c) Country experience and lessons;
   (d) Emerging issues relevant to country implementation;
   (e) Intersessional work;
   (f) Monitoring, assessment and reporting;
   (g) Promoting public participation;
   (h) National forest programmes;
   (i) Trade;
   (j) Enabling environment.
5. High-level ministerial segment.
6. Ministerial dialogue with heads of member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.
7. Date and venue for the third session of the Forum.
8. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Forum.
9. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its second session.

E. Documentation

14. The list of documents before the Forum at its first session is contained in the annex.

F. Establishment of working groups and designation of their chairmen

15. At its 2nd meeting, on __ March, the Forum decided to establish two working groups at its second session. Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Forum designated Hossein Moeini Meybodi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman of the Forum, to chair Working Group I, and Ositadinma Anaedu (Nigeria), Vice-Chairman of the Forum, to chair Working Group II.

G. Informal consultations on the establishment of ad hoc expert groups

16. The Forum also held informal consultations on the establishment of ad hoc expert groups, which were chaired by the Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur, Ana Patricia Chaves (Costa Rica).

H. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its organizational session

[To be completed]

III. Implementation of the proposals for action of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests and the plan of action of the United Nations Forum on Forests

17. The Forum discussed agenda item 3 at meetings of the working groups and at its __ plenary meeting, on ___ March. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on rehabilitation and restoration of degraded lands and the promotion of natural and planted forests (E/CN.18/2002/3);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on combating deforestation and forest degradation (E/CN.18/2002/6);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on progress in implementation of rehabilitation and conservation strategies for countries with low forest cover (E/CN.18/2002/7);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on monitoring, assessment and reporting, including concepts, terminology and definitions (E/CN.18/2002/8);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on forest conservation and protection of unique types of forests and fragile ecosystems (E/CN.18/2002/9);

(f) Note by the Secretariat on proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (E/CN.18/2002/CRP.1).

Action taken by the Forum

[To be completed]

IV. Common items for each session

18. The Forum discussed agenda item 4 at meetings of its working groups and at its __ plenary meeting, on ___ March. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination (E/CN.18/2002/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on national forest programmes (E/CN.18/2002/4);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on trade and sustainable forest management (E/CN.18/2002/5);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on monitoring, assessment and reporting, including concepts, terminology and definitions (E/CN.18/2002/8);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General on the multi-stakeholder dialogue on sustainable forest management (E/CN.18/2002/10);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General on the multi-stakeholder dialogue on sustainable forest management transmitting a discussion paper contributed by the scientific and technological communities working on forest-related fields (E/CN.18/2002/10/Add.1);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General on the multi-stakeholder dialogue on sustainable forest management transmitting a discussion paper contributed by private non-industrial forest owners (E/CN.18/2002/10/Add.2);

(h) Letter dated 18 December 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.18/2002/12);

(i) Note verbale dated 15 February 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.18/2002/13).

Action taken by the Forum

[To be completed]

V. High-level ministerial segment

19. The Forum discussed agenda item 5, at its __ meeting, on ____ March. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it a note by the Secretariat on the main issues for consideration at the high-level ministerial segment (E/CN.18/2002/11).

Action taken by the Forum

[To be completed]

VI. Ministerial dialogue with heads of member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests

20. The Forum discussed agenda item 6, at its ___ meeting, on ____ March. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it a note by the Secretariat on the main issues for consideration at the high-level ministerial segment (E/CN.18/2002/11).

Action taken by the Forum

[To be completed]

VII. Date and venue for the third session of the Forum in 2003

[To be completed]

VII. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Forum

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Annex

List of documents before the Forum at its second session

[To be completed]